



NORTH PACIFIC RESEARCH BOARD

"Building a clear understanding of the North Pacific, Bering Sea, and Arctic Ocean ecosystems that enables effective management and sustainable use of marine resources."

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North Pacific Research Board Seeks Fishing Industry Representative

The North Pacific Research Board (NPRB) was created by Congress in 1997 to recommend marine research activities to the Secretary of Commerce, supported by interest earned from the Environmental Improvement and Restoration Fund. The enabling legislation requires the funds to be used to conduct research on or relating to the fisheries or marine ecosystems in the north Pacific Ocean, Bering Sea, and Arctic Ocean.

NPRB must strive to avoid duplicating other research and must emphasize research designed to address pressing fishery management issues or marine ecosystem information needs. The mission of NPRB is to develop a comprehensive science program of the highest caliber that will provide a better understanding of the marine ecosystems off Alaska. NPRB has completed its science plan and has funded over 90 projects with combined support of about \$17 million. Additional information about NPRB programs is available at www.nprb.org.

NPRB enabling legislation restricts it to 20 members knowledgeable by education, training, or experience regarding fisheries or marine ecosystems in the north Pacific Ocean, Bering Sea, or Arctic Ocean. Ten members are ex-officio members representing various agencies and organizations. Nine other members are nominated by the governors of Alaska (5), Washington (3), and Oregon (1), and appointed by the Secretary of Commerce to serve a 3-year term, and may be reappointed.

The 20th member is nominated by the Board itself and appointed by the Secretary for a 3-year term. That member is on the executive committee of the Board and shall represent fishing interests, according to Section 401(e)(3)(N) of the enabling legislation. That seat became vacant in October 2004. The Board circulated a call for nominations last fall, but due to the press of other business, did not make a final selection. The Board now is reissuing the call for nominations to refresh the earlier list of candidates.

The Board again is seeking nominations from the fishing industry. Self-nominations are acceptable also. Nominations and resumes may be sent by email to cpautzke@nprb.org or by mail to Clarence Pautzke, Executive Director, at the address above. Nominations will be accepted until October 14, 2005.